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The Pudukudi Tank Scheme.

* 239 *Q.*—SRI K. R. VISWANATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the estimate for the restoration of the Pudukudi tank (or otherwise known as Mathikattu Eri) has been sanctioned;

(*b*) if so, the cost of the estimate and the area to be benefited by this scheme; and

(*c*) when the Government are going to undertake the scheme?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" (*a*) No.

" (*b*) & (*c*) Do not arise."

Starting of a Second Grade College at Bhadrachalam.

* 240 *Q.*—SRI Y. V. KRISHNA RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state whether there is any proposal for starting a Second Grade College at Bhadrachalam, East Godavari?

THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO :—" No, Sir."

SRI Y. V. KRISHNA RAO :—" May I know the reason, Sir? "

THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO :—" The answer was 'No,' Sir, simply because the proposal was never taken up."

Memoranda received from the All-Kerala Ayurvedic Congress.

* 241 *Q.*—SRI M. K. PADMAPRABHA GOUNDER : Will the Hon. the Minister for Prohibition be pleased to state whether the Government have received memoranda from Ayurvedic physicians and representatives of the All-Kerala Ayurvedic Conference requesting the Government to revoke the recent orders which have classified Asavas and Arishtas in the Prohibition list; and if so, what action has been taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI V. C. PALANISWAMI GOUNDER :—" Yes, Sir. The Government have received memoranda from the All-Kerala Ayurvedic Congress on 4th July 1952. The matter is under consideration of Government."

SRI T. ANANTHA PAI :—" I should like to know, Sir, whether the Government will consider the question of extending the exemptions granted to tinctures under the Prohibition Act to asavas and arishtas also as from the point of view of enforcement of the Prohibition Act, the distinction made between drugs containing self-generating alcohol and drugs to which alcohol is added is not at all helpful."

THE HON. SRI V. C. PALANISWAMI GOUNDER :—" Sir, I have already said that the matter is under the consideration of Government."

SRI K. MADHAVAN NAMBIAR :—" By levying duties on asavas and arishtas, may I know, Sir, how the alcohol is removed from the asavas and arishtas? "

MR. SPEAKER :—" The present question relates to a memorandum presented to the Hon. Minister. This has nothing to do with it."

Number of famine relief works started in Penukonda taluk.

* 242 Q.—SRI T. LAKSHMINARAYANA REDDI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state the number of public works, for famine relief, started and actually under execution in Penukonda taluk and Kadiri taluk, and the number of persons engaged in each of the public works?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" In Penukonda taluk, 13 Public Works Department Works, 11 Road works and 24 Minor Irrigation works were started. Of these, 8 Public Works Department works, 10 Road works and 20 Minor Irrigation works are in progress. The number of persons employed on these relief works on an average per day is 1,550.

" In Kadiri taluk, 3 Public Works Department works, 18 Road works, and 17 Minor Irrigation works were started. Of these 13 Road works and 4 Minor Irrigation works are in progress. The number of persons engaged in these relief works on an average per day is 3,832."

11-10 a.m. SRI T. NAGI REDDI :—" As per the statistics given by the Government, it is very evident that the number of persons engaged in famine relief work are few. Will the Government consider the large number of representations that are being received by the Government offices and by the Members of the Legislature asking for more and more relief works to be started, and start relief works to provide work for more than 50,000 people in both Kadiri and Penukonda taluks? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" More and more will be spent on famine relief works subject to financial restrictions."

Instructions issued to the Inspector of Police, Visakhapatnam.

* 243 Q.—SRI M. VEERABHADRAM : Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state whether it is a fact that after 10th of April 1952 a Minister or the Inspector-General of Police, Madras, sent instructions to the Police Department particularly to the Inspector of Police, Visakhapatnam, to threaten those people who approach the Communist legislators for help and advice?

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" No, Sir."

SRI M. VEERABHADRAM :—" Will the Hon. the Chief Minister take it from me that the Inspector of Police did threaten